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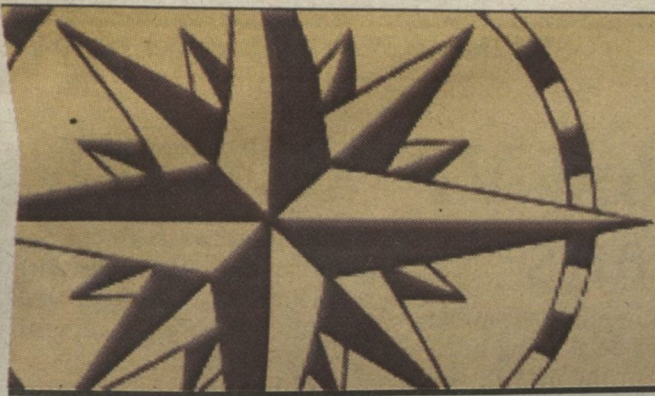
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Maria Menor, Charles Lesperance, Bernell Smithen and Danyeal Johnson left to right.

Veterans Honored for Contribution to America

Rachael Hartman
Staff Writer

The crowd was silent as the military call, "Taps," sounded through the courtyard.

"Veterans Day is the

day that we remember not only those who have fallen but those who are still here and still serving," ROTC Company Commander David Heward said.

ROTC cadets and military officials led a Veteran's Day ceremony on Fri, Nov 10.

The (Eagle Battalion, Charlie Company) cadets marched, carrying U.S. flag from the Student Center to the fountain courtyard in the middle of campus. Two minutes of silence were observed in honor of the men and women who served their

country.

In 1938, Nov 11 was declared "Armistice Day"—a national holiday honoring

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Author Peter Makuck Encourages Students

Rachael Hartman
Staff Writer

Author Peter Makuck visited campus on Wed, Nov 8 as a part of the 2006 Visiting Writers Series.

Makuck has published six poetry collections including "Off Season in the Promised Land" and "Against Distance," and two short story collections, "Breaking and Entering" and "Costly Habits." His writing has been featured in scholarly journals such as the Yale Review, The American Scholar, and the Virginia Quarterly Review.

Makuck read short stories and poems he had written; selected readings included "Bereavement Flight," "After," and "Animal Planet."

He said his writing career is founded on his love for languages. He studied Spanish, Latin and French, but in the beginning he did not make good grades in English.

Makuck did not begin to write until he started college—finding his writer's voice through reading.

"Reading—that's where your style develops. I read a lot," said Makuck.

He encourages students to write, regardless of their English grades:

"I've seen students not as talented as others, but their desire compensated for their lack of talent. The student who wants it is able to learn to breathe life into a piece. [Others] have technique, but no soul."

Last year, the author retired from his positions as journalistic editor of "Tar River Poetry" and as professor of American Literature for East Carolina University. However, he stays

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Georgians Anxiously Await the Results of the Nov. 7 Midterm Elections

Leighann Parrish
Staff Writer

On November 8, millions of Georgians headed to the polls.

Already a significant election across the nation, Georgians are still waiting to hear the results of the 12th Congressional District Campaign.

Democrat John Barrow had a narrow lead on Republican Max Burns, and by the end of the election week the results are still pending.

However, some races were clear victories. Governor Sonny Perdue won his second term by a landslide against Democratic Lt. Gov. Mark Taylor. Republican Casey Cagle was elected Lieutenant

Governor, soundly defeating Jim Martin.

Other significant elections include: Secretary of State Victor, Republican Karen Handel; Attorney General, Democrat Thurbert Baker; and Georgia School Superintendent, Republican Kathy Cox.

Locally, Republican Jack Kingston was elected to serve his eighth term as Georgia US

Representative in District 1.

A run-off election is to be held December 5 to decide who will become Savannah's next School Board President between Dr. Joe Buck and incumbent Hugh Golson.

Nationally, this election has changed politics. Democrats now control the House and Senate.

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- 12-1:30 pm Great American Smokeout
6-8 pm Phi Alpha Delta Meeting
7 pm -12 am Sci-fi Fantasy Club Gaming
7-10 pm Pre-Thanksgiving Dinner
7-8 pm Rotaract Meeting

NOVEMBER 17

- 12-1:25 pm Scholarship of Teaching Round Table
3-5 pm Political Science Department Exit Exam
3-5 pm Criminal Justice Department Exit Exam
7-12 am Sci-fi Fantasy Club Movie Night

NOVEMBER 18/19

- 8:30-8 pm LSAT Weekend Preparation Tutorial

NOVEMBER 20

- 12-1:20 pm SGA Meeting
12-1:20 pm Wesley Fellowship Luncheon
12-1:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting

November 21

- 7 pm -12 am Sci-fi Fantasy Club Gaming
7:30-9:30 pm Fellowship of Christian Athletes Huddle Meeting

NOVEMBER 27

- 12-1:20 pm SGA Meeting
12-1:20 pm Wesley Fellowship Luncheon

NOVEMBER 28

- 10:30-4:30 SGA Bould drive

NOVEMBER 29

- 12-1pm Professional Etiquette

*For more information on upcoming events, check out AASU's calendar at www.armstrong.edu.

AASU Hires New VP of Student Affairs

Mary Culp
Staff Writer

Dr. Vickie McNeil will begin work as Vice President of Student Affairs in January. She started out as a career counselor, but has a very strong background in student affairs.

McNeil said the programs AASU has to offer are great, the campus is beautiful, and the students made a big impact on her.

"I was just impressed with the whole package," McNeil said. "The students that I met were very strong student leaders... I was impressed."

McNeil, originally from Oklahoma, has been living in New Orleans for the past 18 years. She and her husband visited Savannah last summer. She said they are both very excited about the move.

"It was a beautiful city. The people were very warm," McNeil said.

McNeil is enthusiastic about becoming a part of the AASU community.

"I plan to meet a lot of students when I come to Armstrong. I had an open door policy and will maintain that when I come," said McNeil.

Health Corner: Health Clinic offers ways to prevent Seasonal Sicknesses

Flu shots and other services available to students

Lawrence Clark III
Staff Writer

Here it is in November; the temperatures and humidity are changing at such a rapid pace, it would be smart to consider taking necessary health precautions to avoid getting sick.

Armstrong's Health Clinic is offering just that.

Currently, for \$25, students can get themselves protected from this upcoming flu season.

Nurse Practitioner, Kristan Thompson, advises students to get a flu shot.

"We recommend getting it every year, usually starting in October. The peak flu season generally doesn't hit until January, February, March, even," Thompson said. "You need to be inoculated earlier in order to have immunity by the time that rolls around."

The Health Clinic offers students more than just the flu shot, though.

For \$15, a student can be

checked by the health care provider and receive any needed medication. Some of the blood work, depending on the kind of work needed, is included in the fee.

Some students have already benefited from the clinic's service.

"You don't need insurance to be cared for, and it's close," Kelly Adkins said.

"We pretty much have a full service mini-pharmacy here ... usually included with the \$15 visit," Thompson said. "We built this so that the students could get what they needed without having to have insurance."

Few students have heard of, or are aware of, the services provided.

"I fully support it [the clinic]. I just wish I had known about it sooner," senior Chris Cobb said.

To learn more about the flu, you can visit the Health Clinic or see about it on the web at <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/>.

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WWI Veterans. In 1954 Congress expanded the observance to include all veterans, thus changing the official name to "Veterans Day."

This year's observance marks 88 years since the WWI cease-fire. Since that time, the meaning has grown for many Americans.

"I don't think there is anything more eloquent than that music [Taps] to stir the emotions that Veterans Day brings—the feelings of sorrow and pride, both loss and victory that come throughout the years," Commander Heward said after the ceremony.

"It's a day for everybody. America wouldn't be here without the soldiers, but it wouldn't be America without the ones that we protect and serve. Thank you for your support, and we love America."

The event was sponsored by the College of Arts and Sciences and the Executive Committee of the university.

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busy writing.

"I don't worry about it [retirement] because I'm a writer; writers don't retire."

AASU's Campus Union Board, the Southern Poetry Review, and the Department of Literature, Language, and Philosophy sponsor the 2006 Visiting Writers Series.

SGA Appoints Security Committee

Angela Mensing
News Editor

SGA has appointed a security committee to set goals and objectives for ways to increase overall security around campus.

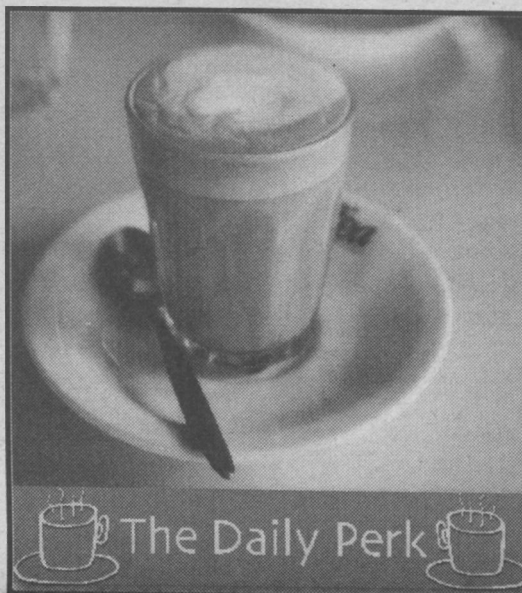
The three-person team is led by Chair Meredith Cook and includes SGA senators Lucien Niemann and Ashley Vaughn.

The committee meetings will be held weekly on Fridays; however, they are closed to the public for now.

"We have posted a forum on Pirate's Cove for students who wish to ask questions, leave comments or relay concerns about security on campus," Cook said.

She encourages students and faculty to speak out either by participating in the forum, or by emailing them at sga@mail.armstrong.edu - subject heading: Security Committee.

The Inkwell will be publishing an in-depth story in the November 30 edition.



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and

Friday
7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Daily Perk

The Administration Moves Historic AASU Landmark

Leslie Moses
Staff Writer

After 40 plus years on campus, the big open Bible across from Lane library has been moved inside to the Minus room for preservation.

In December 1965, the Jaycees donated a Bible with a stand when the campus moved from downtown to its current location. Originally, the Bible was outside the old student center where the bookstore is now located.

The late Jack Padgett, math professor and registrar of Armstrong was instrumental in the donation. Padgett believed having a Bible on campus would be a good influence.

A 1989 Inkwell article quotes him as saying, "...one of our great troubles is that people are not familiar with the Bible."

Padgett was in charge of the Bible's upkeep, so he did what he could to prevent sun damage.

"For years and years Jack Padgett would go and flip one page of the Bible," said Joe Buck, former Student Affairs Vice President. "My first ten or fifteen years that I was here,

you would see him out there every morning; he would just turn one page."

"I just kind of took it on myself," Padgett said in the 1997 Armstrong Magazine, "the sun will bake the pages if you don't turn them from time to time."

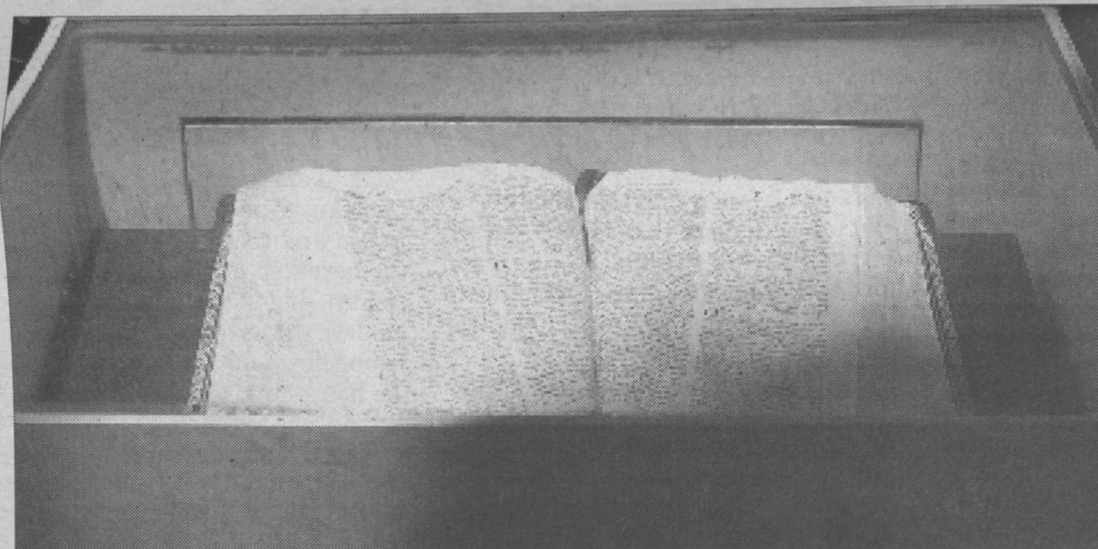
Once Padgett retired, Buck said he wasn't sure if anyone continued the daily endeavor.

Bill Megathlin, Assistant to the President, said that some time before Padgett died, he replaced the original Bible with a new Bible, and took the old Bible to plant operations.

But without upkeep, the newer Bible was sun damaged and had moisture problems. Megathlin says that the administration decided to move it to the library for cleaning and preservation. Afterwards, they plan to move it into the Minus room.

The Minus room, which is on the second floor of the library, holds historical documents but remains locked. It is opened only on request.

Jackie Micetich, Jack Padgett's daughter, says that moving the Bible to the Minus



Rachael Hartman | Staff Writer

The big open Bible is now in the Minus room for preservation.

room goes against Padgett's original intent to keep a Bible displayed out on campus. She would like to see it brought out again.

"My dad faithfully turned the pages in that Bible for years. It was on the campus to encourage the students, staff and the faculty. The Bible needs to be out and in the open where people can see it and be encour-

aged. This is my dad's legacy," Micetich said.

Considering the two sides of preserving the Bible and preserving Padgett's wish to keep it out on the campus, Megathlin leaned on the side of Bible preservation, though he also said he is not opposed to proposals for a new stand that would better protect the Bible from the weather.

"Any student or student group needs to feel that if they have a proposal or whatever, this administration will listen to it," Megathlin said.

Buck like Megathlin, says it is important to restore the Bible.

"It is indeed a part of the history of Armstrong Atlantic," he said. "It was always sort of a landmark at the institution."

Give for the Gulf Shares Thanksgiving

Casey Welsh
Staff Writer

Give for the Gulf reaches out to neighbors in Pearlington, Mississippi in the spirit of Thanksgiving by collecting donations for their Thanksgiving Dinner Project.

Thanksgiving care packages will be delivered to families that were affected by Hurricane Katrina.

Donations included canned pumpkin, stuffing mix, canned ham, canned vegetables and other non-perishable food items.

Give for the Gulf partnered with Pickin' Up the Pieces, a local Savannah volunteer group, who will deliver the care packages on November 18, during a volunteer trip to the Gulf area.

During their weekend visit, Pickin' Up the Pieces will be working to finish a house that was started by Habitat for Humanity's "One House at a Time."

The group intends to complete the plumbing and electrical work needed so the

family of seven, including one wheelchair-bound member, can move into their new home before the holidays.

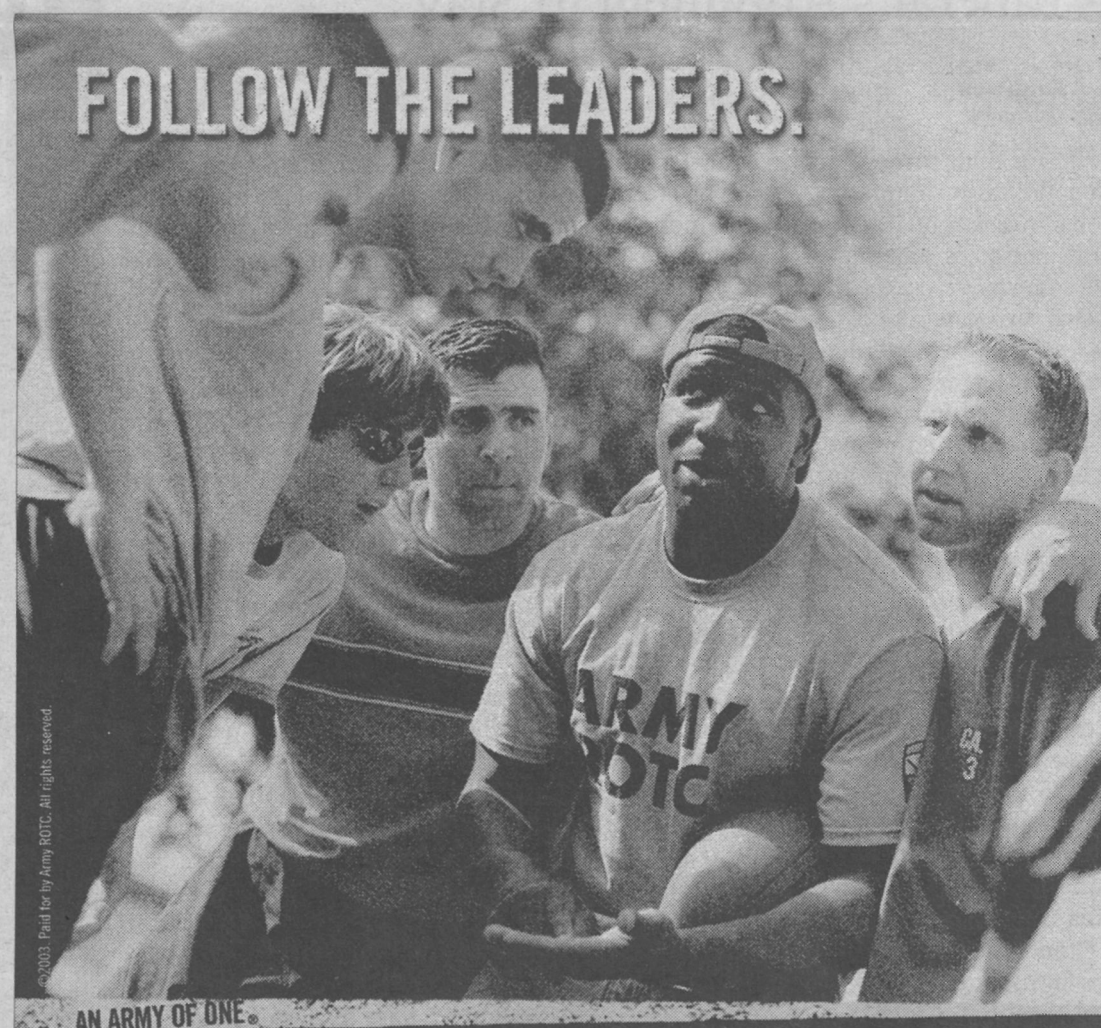
The official Give for the Gulf campaign, created and led by AASU students, faculty and staff, was initially a year-long initiative to provide assistance to our Gulf Coast neighbors affected by Hurricane Katrina.

"One year was not enough," said Leigh Rich, a collaborator in the Give for the Gulf campaign.

"We really just hope to continue Give for the Gulf and collaboration with local volunteer groups like Pickin' Up the Pieces," Rich said.

Pickin' Up the Pieces Relief Corps, started by Michael and Linda Edwards, is a grassroots, all-volunteer, 501(C)3 organization based in Savannah, acting as a first responder to natural disasters and aiding in relief and recovery efforts.

Pickin' Up the Pieces and Give for the Gulf are currently planning more volunteer trips. To find more information, visit www.pickinupthepieces.org or <http://katrina.armstrong.edu/about.htm>.



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Tearing Down Walls to Rebuild Lives and Futures

Kyle Godfrey
Staff Writer

It's amazing: the hope that a little boy of three years old can offer a 22 year-old college student working and studying his way through life.

As I looked around at a team of volunteers giving their time, effort and hearts during the spring break trip to the gulf, three year-old Adan stood out—a sign of hopes and dreams of a better day to come.

There are still many areas needing to be cleaned up—much less rebuilt—along the shores of Florida, Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana more than 14 months after Hurricane Katrina decimated the region. Adan, not knowing any better and in the purest form of a child's loving heart simply wanted to help us help him and his

family.

Moments spent with Adan and his grandmother, Sandra, have changed me forever. While standing in a place that looked and felt closer to hell, seeing them smile or laugh forced me to reconsider what I hold near and dear to my heart.

Adan's grandmother waited out the storm in the attic of her house as Katrina came ashore on August 29, 2005. Even sitting in the attic, Sandra found herself in a foot of water. She remembers watching the water engulf everything she knew.

After the water resided, it took her nearly forty-five minutes to walk over fifty yards to the end of the driveway.

In the months since Katrina, Sandra has worked to rebuild her life and move on past this dark chapter she refers to as, "the night-

mare." It was an honor being able to play a role in helping them.

Our team completed the "gutting process" of her house and readied it for the next step of chemical treatment for mold and mildew; the next step was remodeling and restoring the house to former condition.

This was my second trip with AASU to this region. Despite what you may have heard, the Gulf Coast is still in desperate need today, and there are countless opportunities to help out.

The organization, Pick-in' Up the Pieces, travels monthly to the Pearlington, MS area. And AASU will continue its Give for the Gulf campaign next spring break with another trip.

Between Iraq and a Hard Place: A Liberal's Argument to Stay

Paul Kauffman
News Columnist

More than three years after the Bush Administration's invasion of Iraq, the Arab nation is hanging in the balance.

Over two thousand of our nation's finest have died. Iraq, for the most part, has been plunged into turmoil. A poorly planned military occupation and multifaceted local sectarian violence has left somewhere between 150,000-650,000 Iraqis dead, though no one knows the exact number.

The roots of the violence engulfing the country can be attributed to many conflicts, some centuries old: The Shia/Sunni split in Islam is obvious, as is Iran's ambition to spread its highly political interpretation of Shia Islam.

Other roots of the violence are far murkier—but just as real—such as the scars of colonialism and the Arab "reality" of a Zionist/American plot to subdue all Arabs (Saddam was the last Arab head of state to attack Israel; Israel is the most powerful lobby in Washington, etc.,

etc.).

The importance of the Arab-Israeli conflict cannot be stated enough. Just as Americans look at the Middle East in the context of 9/11, Arabs look at U.S. foreign policy through a lens of the Palestinian suffering that has been occurring at the behest of Israel for over 50 years.

On a broader political scale; moderate western-friendly voices, such as the governments of Egypt and Jordan, have been weakened; our enemies bolstered.

A recent poll taken in Cairo found the Iranian President and Hezbollah's leader—two people who openly call for Israel's destruction—as the most popular politicians of the day. Even the Emir of Qatar, host to the largest U.S. military base in the region, supported the terrorist organization Hezbollah during their war with Israel.

It seems we are now in the era of democratically elected terrorist organizations: Hamas in Palestine, Hezbollah in Lebanon and

The Muslim Brotherhood in Egypt, to name a few.

All in all, widespread rejection and distrust of American foreign policy seems to be sweeping the region.

Another option, since "staying the course" is no longer the plan, is the partition of Iraq into a Republic, with states based on ethnicity. The inherent danger in this is whether or not it could be accomplished without full-blown ethnic cleansing.

When the British split India and Pakistan over 50 years ago, somewhere between 200,000 to a million people died, and a seething animosity that still erupts into armed conflict to this day was born.

Sadly, in order for stability to be ushered in anytime soon, we may have to accept something far from a real democracy. Until the day comes when Iraq is stable, we as Americans owe it to the Iraqis to see them through. To do otherwise would be truly disastrous.

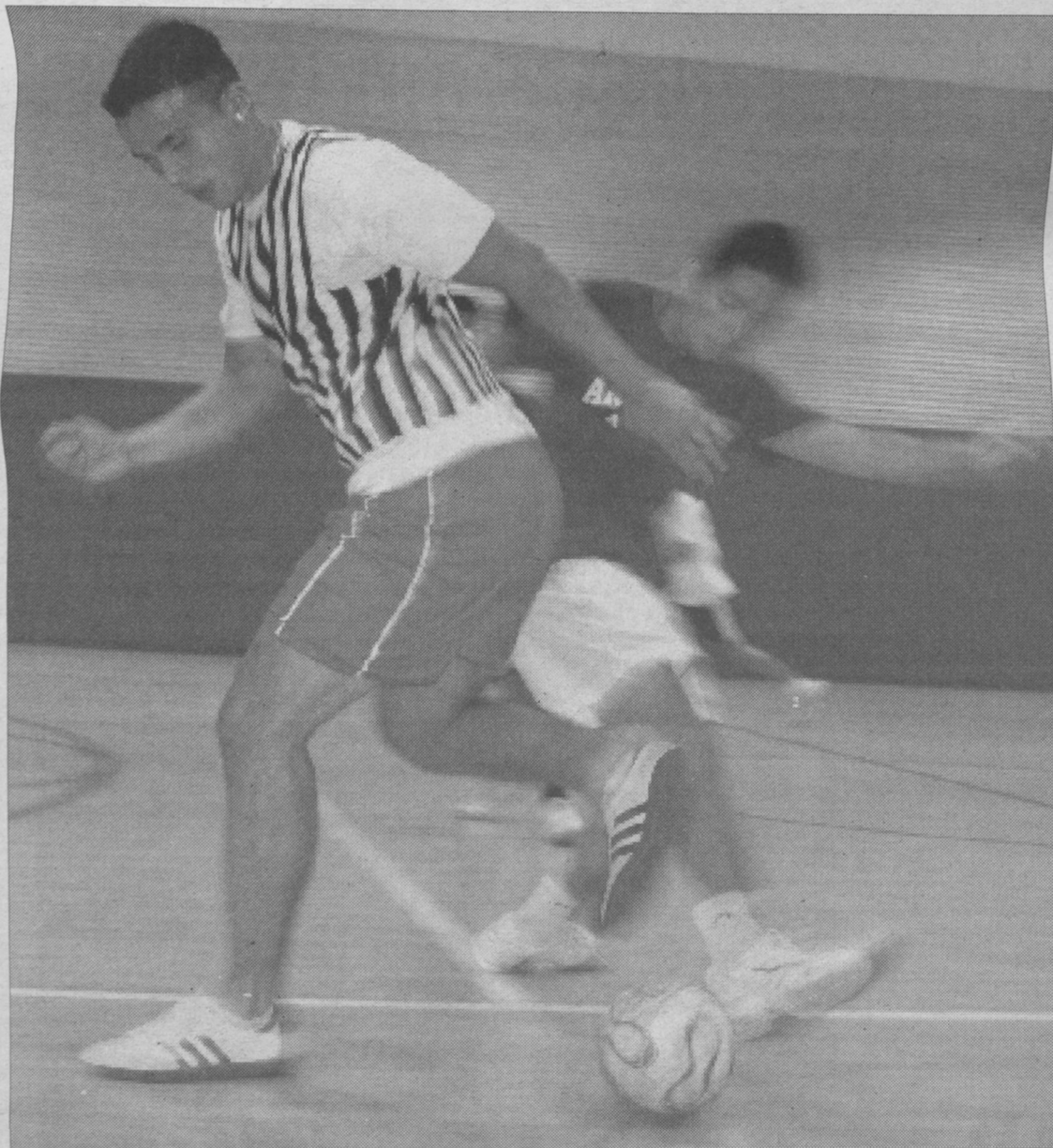
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Luis Justiniano Team Captain of Arsenal fights for the ball in the Recreation Center at International week's indoor soccer tournament.

International Soccer Kicks Off

Francisco Resto
Staff Writer

The new campus recreational center was the venue for an intramural futsal (a version of indoor soccer) tournament with eight teams participating.

The games were organized by AASU's international committee, and it was the global game put on the spotlight but altered into a higher-paced more physical brand. The first game between Arsenal (named after the English soccer club) and eventual winners The Master Beakers, a team comprised mainly of the AASU tennis players, was testament to the more aggressive nature of futsal. Late tackles, collisions, and all sorts of normally illegal contact were just part of the flow of the game. Scoring was difficult with the goals being only about two and a half feet long and a foot high which encouraged low hard shots. As a result, balls smashing against limbs and faces (and other parts too) were not uncommon as teams scrambled in reduced space to get a shot off.

Many of the teams had colorful styles of play and names to match, such as The Black Oaks—made up of African

players who had a carefree, cheeky approach to the game. Other teams, such as Salsa and Crackers or the Wallabees, went out in the first round but had great fan support nonetheless. Salsa and Crackers player Alfredo Santos said that he enjoyed himself despite the early loss, "I think it was pretty cool because it's getting people more interested in soccer. I know for me as a foreign student I feel that soccer isn't taken as seriously over here as it is in the rest of the world."

The tournament was certainly a success in terms of spectacle and drama. Political Science professor Jose Da Cruz showed off some of his Brazilian flair as

he led his Faculty team to the semis with back heels, nutmegs, and other moves. In general, the games were hard fought matches that were only edged out by one goal. The exception was the final, which Master Beakers won by a three-goal margin. Victory was largely secondary to the goal of the event, however, which was the interaction of peoples from all different cultures. Chileans, Ghanians, Panamanians, and Frenchman—among many others—all took part in the tournament.

There will be another futsal competition coming up in two weeks.

AASU SPORTS SCHEDULE

Thursday November 16
Volleyball @ NCAA DII Elite Eight

Friday November 17
Volleyball @ NCAA DII Elite Eight
Men's Basketball @ 2006 Hillyard Tip Off Classic

Saturday November 18
Volleyball @ NCAA DII Elite Eight
Men's Basketball @ 2006 Hillyard Tip Off Classic
Women's Basketball vs. Eckerd 2-4pm

Tuesday November 21 Women's Basketball @ Lenoir Rhyne 6-8pm

NBA Opening Week

Reese Goldman
Sports Columnist

The NBA had its opening week of regular season play this week.

As of Nov. 9, 2006, there are already surprises in the league. The biggest surprise is that the Dallas Mavericks, who for years have been a playoff team, are falling apart. Does this mean they are done? No way. They have a solid team with stars like Dirk Nowitzki, Jason Terry, Jerry Stackhouse and Josh Howard. Although their record is 4-1, this is only the first week. After several more games, the Mavericks will be working on all cylinders. They may not have as strong of a team as previous years, but they will be fighting for a playoff spot in the Western Conference. Dirk Nowitzki has one of the most lethal combinations in basketball: height, an outside jumper, speed and an inside presence. He is a true leader and will guide his team to the playoffs.

One of the teams to look for in the Western Conference is the Los Angeles Clippers. Yes, I said the Clippers.

Last year they proved themselves as a revamped organization. Owner Donald Sterling had a serious change of heart towards the organization. He is no longer trading and releasing star players when their contracts come up for renegotiations. Sterling was notorious for dumping a player with signs of stardom because he did not want to pay big salaries to keep them. The Clipper fans can now rejoice in his renaissance. The team has an excellent coach in Mike Dunleavy Sr. This is the prescription for a playoff team. They have had the talent for years, but the addition of Dunleavy with key veteran players such as Cuttino Mobley, Sam Cassell and newly acquired Tim Thomas made the difference to the young squad. The addition of these veterans worked well with superstar PF (power-forward) Elton Brand and one of

the most underrated players, Chris Kaman. They are first in the Pacific West with a 4-1 record on a slight edge over the Los Angeles Lakers (4-2).

The Eastern Conference has the best players in the league. LeBron James is looking for a solid year leading his team deep into the playoffs. With the combination of big "Z," Zydrunas Ilgauskas, posting up in the key, Larry Hughes and Drew Gooden performing at possibly the best in their careers, and the veteran leadership of G. Eric Snow and David Wesley, the Cavs are a threat in the Eastern Conference.

After leaving the Detroit Pistons, Ben Wallace will add a big defensive threat to opponents in Chicago. The Bulls will embrace his hard work ethic. He brings one of the best defenses and rebounding abilities in the game. Wallace will help the Bulls, who last year showed signs of being an up-and-coming team in the Eastern Conference. The Bulls have one of the youngest squads and will embrace Big Ben's veteran leadership. All third year players—Ben Gordon, Chris Duhon, F Luol Deng and Andres Nocioni—will appreciate the presence of Wallace on the court. This is an important ingredient that the Bulls needed. If the young players learn to work with Wallace the Bulls will make the playoffs.

This year, some of the teams that dominated for years are not going to be a threat. Sorry, Detroit, you lost Big Ben. Your chances for a championship are a faded memory. Phoenix may have to take a back seat in the Western Conference. Say hello to teams like the Los Angeles Clippers, the Chicago Bulls, the Utah Jazz and dare I say the Atlanta Hawks that for years have been the laughing stock of the league. Only time will tell which champion will prevail. Let's enjoy the thrill of each 48-minute grudge-match.

Food for the Mind, Food for the Body

Wednesday, November 29th

12 - 1:30pm

In Front of Lane Library



SGA & Lane Library
are co-sponsoring a

free lunch

for ALL AASU students

Come out & enjoy!

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Pirates' Basketball Favored Second in PBC

Michael Martin
Staff Writer

The Pirates will compete in the 2006 Hillyard Classic in St. Joseph, MO on November 16 and 17. They play Truman State in the first game on Friday and Missouri Western State on Saturday.

According to a vote among PBC college coaches, the Pirates, who finished second in the PBC and with the second best record in the league last year, are second place

favorites for the upcoming PBC season.

"We've established a tradition of winning," Coach Jeff Burkhamer said about the Pirates' previous three seasons.

Last year the Pirates finished twentieth in the US and competed in their second NCAA Championships. However, Coach Burkhamer anticipates a better season since the team has four returning starters.

Two-time all conference player Bryan Taylor returns

this year to rejoin his teammates William Kane, Jamaal Galloway and Tory Harris.

Coach Burkhamer predicts Taylor "to be one of the premier post players," and describes the returning Pirates' center, Kane, as "a terrific leader and floor General."

Galloway rejoins his teammates as one of the top three-point shooters in the league and nation, according to the head coach.

In addition, the Pirates expect senior shooting guard, Harris, to be the "go to guy" who can be

"counted on to score" as Coach Burkhamer explained.

Although the Pirates' are in a good position for the PBC championship, they are only one of four contenders fighting for the top spot; last year, they only played one team that won less than sixteen games. Columbus State, USC Upstate and Clayton State all pose a threat to the Pirates' season, according to Coach Burkhamer.

However, Coach Burkhamer believes that if the team stays in good health they have a shot at the championship.

"We've become one of the better teams over the years...we've made Alumni Arena a difficult place for our opponents to play. We need students to come and have fun," Coach Burkhamer said.

The Pirates play their first home game at noon on Saturday, November 25. Admission is free for students. For more information about the Pirates' basketball team go to the AASU homepage and click on athletics.



AASU Hockey Team defends their goal.

ERIK O'BRIEN | Photo Editor

Playoffs for Pirates Hockey

Michael Martin
Staff Writer

The number one ranked Pirates battle for the SuperGoose Adult B-League Championship on Tues, Nov. 12. The Pirates' record is 14-3-1.

"I at least expect to make it to the championship game and, hopefully, win," Jeremy Holland said about the upcoming tournament.

Holland leads the Pirates in goals with 31, followed

by Jordan Gray with thirty. Holland also has the record for the most assists with thirty-six, followed again by Gray with thirty. Holland and Gray also rank fourth and sixth in points in the SuperGoose B-league.

The Pirates use the local SuperGoose roller hockey league to train for their SECRHL tournaments. If the Pirates win the B-league Championship, they have a chance to advance to the A-league next season, which

is a good indication of how they will perform against other college teams next season in the SECRHL tournaments.

"If we can be competitive in the A-league, we should be competitive with the Florida B-team," Holland said about the potential move from the SuperGoose B-league.

As a young team that has not had much experience on the college level, the Pirates play SCAD and other SuperGoose teams to get better for the upcoming season next year.



#14 Andrew Robertson works the puck towards the goal.

ERIK O'BRIEN | Photo Editor

The Root of Rythmn: Jim Donovan hosts drum circle

Elena Fodera
Staff Writer

On November 8, students encountered the positive vibes of Rusted Root's Jim Donovan.

Donovan, who now teaches music and is the director of the World Drumming Ensemble at Saint Francis University in Pennsylvania, incorporates Central and West African rhythms in his workshop. The drums, which students were welcome to choose and play, included djembes, ashikos and bougarabous—all of which are African drums.

The workshop consisted of three parts. First, students were taught the basics: how to position your hand and hit the drum, the two types of tones, to always channel Bob Marley and to remember to breathe. "We have a tendency to hold our breath when learning something new," Donovan said. The group then took a deep breath and began to create music together.

The first piece of music exercised rhythm and taught the students to listen as they played. Over twenty students participated in the workshop. Donovan taught the students to relax and feel the connection created by the rhythms, and he told them to close their eyes and focus on listening to the others rather than yourself.

The next piece involved two groups, two different rhythms, singing and chanting. Some students lost rhythm at this point, but the instructor expected such; he taught the new drummers a technique to sing and play at the same time. He also showed the students ways to massage and stretch the hands during and after



ERIK OBRIEN | Photo Editor

Jim Donovan of Rusted Root teaches basic drum lessons to anyone willing to participate at Shearouse Plaza.

drumming to alleviate pain and avoid injury.

The third and final exercise was a student-led jam session; students were able to be completely free and creative and play whatever they felt. The students obviously retained what they learned; they listened to each other, cooperated, let loose, generated a high-energy, in-tune piece of music and ended flawlessly on the same note.

Donovan taught the same concepts with different rhythms for returning drummers and a fresh first lesson for the inexperienced during the evening session. Donovan shared with the students a philosophy of living consciously, or de-

voting yourself entirely to whatever you take on. He called this quality "presence," which is "the ability, at will, to completely focus on something...as opposed to multi-tasking," as it relates not only to playing music, but also to any aspect of life.

Donovan also noted studies relating beneficial effects on health to drumming. He encouraged the students to embrace these benefits and to free themselves of apprehensions. One element of the final exercise involved every participant screaming as loud as possible in unison and releasing built-up tension and stomping inhibitions. "It was like stress-relief," said Chris Hooton, a participant in the evening's drum session. The

second workshop had many students reporting stress relief.

Despite being an accomplished musician, Donovan easily broke drumming down to a very simple, accessible level for beginners. Even those familiar with percussion acknowledged the instructor's encouraging technique. Will Gore, a musician and student at AASU, said he enjoyed Donovan's "comfortable mix of teaching the basic elements of drumming and sharing a perspective that brings music to everyday life."

Donovan related various goals and focuses for his workshops, which he instructs at universities, schools, festivals and other

venues across the country. First, the drum circle is an involved group activity. "At the heart of drumming, at the heart of music, is the need to create something," said Donovan, "it is a way of allowing people to work together for the common good." He also uses the drum workshops as a way of sharing the cultures of Africa through its music.

He said that through teaching drumming he works to achieve the following results in his students: relaxation, confidence, cooperation, elimination of competitive spirit, elimination of distraction or achieving "presence," and of course, to have fun while sharing in the groove.

International Students Give Campus Week-long Dose of Cultural Diversity

John Flynn
Staff Writer

International week kicked off Nov. 5 at AASU's International Garden with its annual Street Festival.

"It's an opportunity for the international students to showcase their countries," said Laura Logue, Assistant Director of the Office of International Education, who organized the event, "[It is] something that we do annually, considering the large

international population."

Each table's display represented a different country and was adorned with decorations, photos and trappings from each. Jewelry, photos and national costumes made up much of what students saw when they attended the event.

There was even a table devoted to Amsterdam, which drew much attention from some American college students who professed to being ready to

travel there. The international students set up tables of food along with their displays.

As part of the festival, the Office of International Education also invited performing visual artist Richard Hight on campus, a professional from Tulsa who has made his name primarily through painting and drawing to music in a matter of minutes.

"I've been trying to keep pretty diversified with my

work here," Hight said during a break, "Celebrating our differences, but also what we all have in common."

India's table offered a look into traditional Indian art, namely the art of Henna tattooing, which consists of drawing elaborate designs on the skin with paste.

The paste is made from the powdered Henna dyes of the Lawsonia inermis evergreen plant and the designs are often

very intricate.

"In India, Henna tattooing started in pre-wedding ceremonies but just sort of became fashionable in popular culture," says student Dhara Patel, "It still has meaning, though."

According to Logue, while twelve nations were represented at the International Festival's displays, somewhere between seventy to eighty countries are represented by students on campus everyday.

Seeing is Believing at the Georgia Aquarium

Lindsey Estep
Travel Columnist

Sea lions bark in the distance and excite visitors as they wind through the line dividers outside the Georgia Aquarium. It's a Friday afternoon and the wait time is pleasantly short. At the entrance, doormen exchange tickets for maps, a much needed commodity at "the largest aquarium in the world."

The Georgia Aquarium, home to over 120,000 creatures, requires eight million gallons of freshwater and sea water. Over 500 different species float, swim, flop and crawl inside the 505,000 sq. ft. aquarium.

Five unique areas stem from the main entrance of the aquarium, creating mini aquariums that feature different underwater environments.

"Georgia Explorer" is an interactive area, featuring what the aquarium calls "touch tanks." These tanks have no tops and invite your fingertips to gently experience the feel of horseshoe crabs, stingrays and sea anemones.

"Cold Water Quest" features animals that make their home in the world's cold ocean waters. Slick sea lions slip up on rocky banks to fetch fish from their trainers. River otters lie on their backs with balls in their paws, and Australian leafy sea dragons maintain the promise of the Georgia Aquarium: "You're sure to

see things you've never seen before."

"Cold Water Quest" is a favorite of Eugene Garcia, an AASU student who visited the aquarium last summer. Not only did he enjoy watching the otters play, he was fascinated by the Beluga whales in this exhibit. "Those things are monstrous," said Garcia.

The largest exhibit, the "Ocean Voyager," requires six of the eight million gallons of water in the aquarium. This exhibit hosts a 23ft. tall, 61ft. wide viewing window—the second largest in the world. A 100ft. tunnel serves as the entry way to the viewing area, surrounding wide-eyed viewers with glimpses of whale sharks (the biggest fish in the world), hammerheads, cubarra snappers and stingrays that seem to fly between neon-shaded schools.

"Tropical Diver" holds the largest coral reef in any aquarium, making it the most brilliantly colored exhibit. Opalescent jellyfish and sea nettles bounce behind the glass and garden eels stick their heads out of the sand, retracting them with the passing of a powdery blue fish.

Freshwater fish from all over the world dwell in the "River Scout" exhibit, most memorably—the piranhas. While other fish are in constant motion, swimming in a river-like tank overhead, the piranhas are isolated, still and ominous.

November 23 marks the one-year anniversary of the aquarium's opening day. With Thanksgiving break falling on



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Jellyfish move through the depths of the oceanic tank in the Georgia Aquarium, and a sea turtle glides elegantly among the other aquatic inhabitants.

the same week, it's a perfect time to take a trip to Atlanta. The Georgia Aquarium is 254 miles away—not too far to see the largest aquarium in the world. Tickets cost \$24 and are sold on a first come

basis. For more info, visit www.georgiaaquarium.org.

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Entertainment for the Impoverished

Erin Christian
A&E Columnist

Due to misconceptions about Islam that have reared their heads since America's involvement in the Middle East, I believe that the educational exhibit, "Islam in Belief and Practice," at Georgia Southern is priceless in its promotion of understanding and tolerance.

The GSU Museum hosting the exhibit is located on Southern Drive in the Rosenwald Building at GSU. "Islam in Belief and Practice" will run until December 31.

Islam is the world's second largest religion and the fastest growing. As John Parcels, the curator of the exhibit, states, "Even though they hear about it on the TV and read about it in the newspaper, most people don't really receive much information on Islam. Our goal is to explain the beliefs and practices and to answer the most important questions that people have about Muslims and Islam."

Parcels taught philosophy, religious studies and English at GSU from 1972-2005, and for the past 15 years he has served as executive director of the Southeast Regional Middle East and Islamic Studies Seminar.

Parcels also serves as treasurer for the Middle East Outreach Council, a national organization that provides information to educators about the region's people, places and culture.

The exhibit addresses the origins of the Qur'an, common beliefs shared by Muslims, the significance of Ramadan, the role of women, the meanings of jihad and extremist factions. Featuring authentic clothing, prayer rugs and artifacts, the exhibit seeks to help those unfamiliar with the religion.

Parcels stresses that people "should discover that not every Muslim believes the same things. Just as Christianity has Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox, and then further divisions within each of those, there are a wide variety of beliefs and practices in Islam." A series of presentations and workshops will be offered in conjunction with the exhibit in order to help provide visitors with a clear and objective picture of the Muslim religion.

The Museum is open from 9 am -5 pm Monday through Friday, and from 2 pm until 5 pm on Saturday and Sunday. For more information please call 912-681-5444.

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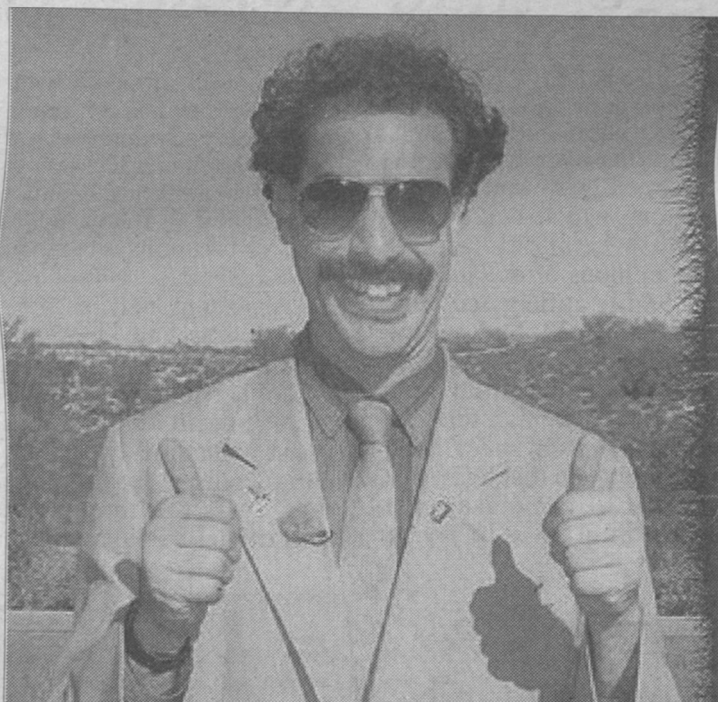
Borat – Not suitable for those under 3 years of age

Jacqueline Lawrence
Staff Writer

Shock comedy has reached a new high (or low, depending on your point of view) in "Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan." Actually, it's a lot like other shock comedies (i.e. Jackass) but has a bit more of a brain, more of a feel for satire, and is remarkably well-received.

Sacha Baron Cohen—also known as Ali G—plays Borat. Make no mistake; Borat is not a real person, no matter how many interviews he has done on the national news. Anyway, Borat is from Kazakhstan, and he and his producer are sent to America by the government to make a documentary and learn how the good ol' USA is so prosperous. Once in America, they go road tripping and their misadventures range from the hysterical to the nauseating.

The brilliance of Borat is not in the comedy, though, but in the social satire. Putting aside the ice cream truck full of bear



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crap, drunken frat brothers, and "running of the Jews" this film may actually have a message. Not only is it easy for Cohen to dupe the ill-informed populace but it also illustrates America's own culture. New Yorkers cursed

this foreign man while a group of gangsters in Atlanta taught him how to talk street. We see ourselves as superior, but are easily duped by a moustached man in a suit with an accent; that's the real punch line.

Classic Greek Tragedy with a Southern Flair

Britney Compton
Staff Writer

The Masquers presented "Antigone," written by Jean Anouilh, November 2-5 and November 9-11.

The play is a French version of Sophocles' second installment of the Oedipus trilogy written in 442 B.C.E.

"The play is an overall well performed adaptation of the original epic," said freshman Sarah Hill.

The alterations to the original epic come from both Anouilh and the southern spin that is prevalent throughout the show.

Hill said, "the southern dialect that is thrown into the play gives it a personalization that allows the audience a connection to the actors; though with the dialect comes a problem with the pronunciation, but that's inevitable."

Though Anouilh's script does not call for a certain dialect, director Anthony Paderewski seemed to allow for this modification.

"The Chorus girl [Ashley Tuttle] was amazing, her voice both calming and direct. Also, Antigone [Velissa Robinson] herself showed great enthusiasm. I believe, at times, I saw tears in her eyes," said Kelly Crane, a visitor to the campus.



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Britney and K-Fed: Bigger than Saddam Hussein

Tara Gergacs
Editor-in-Chief



I don't understand why celebrities seem to get massive amounts of publicity when they are going through a divorce or have their babies in the front seat with them, but Saddam Hussein is going to be hung and it is not repeated every hour for two weeks straight on the news.

Personally, I would rather have updates on Saddam than on Britney and Kevin's marriage.

When Steve Irwin died, E! and the TV Guide Channel had a new program on every day that reminded us of his death and how his family was dealing with it. Now, Britney Spears and Kevin Federline are going through a heavy divorce and there are documentaries about their marriage and what went wrong. TV Guide Channel has once again blessed us with almost a week of "Britney and

Kevin: Toxic."

Apparently, it is important that we know that the couple is fighting over custody and money. Kevin wants spousal support, which I find funny because he should already have millions of dollars from his "highly anticipated" first album that flopped selling only 6,500 copies in its first week. He is definitely only looking for a woman that can support him. I guess if he gets the women that he is with pregnant he can make some money off of them by trying

to get spousal support. Even though Britney has not made great choices throughout her life, I hope she finds a way to protect her money because she earned it through her years of becoming a teen idol and sexual object. She at least deserves her money.

Getting back to Saddam: a man that has caused war and pain for three decades is sentenced to death for the crimes against humanity. Now, he is telling Iraqis to forgive each other. Has the thought of death changed this man who

is considered a tyrant? I think not. It will be interesting to see what happens because British Prime Minister Tony Blair and his country are against the death penalty, but President Bush is pleased with the verdict. Saddam's possible execution will take place in mid-February once the nine-judge appeals panel rule on his guilty verdict and death sentence by mid-January. I wonder if his hanging will be broadcasted on TV or if Britney and K-Fed will end up getting back together, thus causing the media to shift back to them.

The Youth and Beauty Brigade:

On my Pants, and Their Inability to Fit Correctly (and the Imminent Execution of Iraq's Former Dictator, and also that Crazy Korean Dude)

Kevin Daiss
Humor Columnist



For some reason, all I can think about is slavery. I guess I've lived in Georgia too long.

Maybe it's because I work at the mall, and as a result I am extremely racist (though mostly against white people)...but all I can think about is that slavery could possibly be twisted around into a bizarre form of charity. I mean, if obesity is considered a real disease and not just being a fat, lazy and gluttonous then why can't some dickcheese in the House twist some words around and pretend to be ignorant of everything ever and make slavery seem like the beginnings of mandated volunteer work. Our penal system is based on slavery, now that I think about it.

I am, whilst writing this column, also writing a report to mail to the government of South Carolina because they seem most apt to reinstate the Confederacy and make it work this time around. I'm also petitioning South Carolina's government to legalize the sale of chewing tobacco and alcohol to

infants—their moms were drinking for two during the pregnancy anyway.

Either way, this is Republican America, and we need to work hard for our stuff and then evade the taxes on it. In 2008, when a Democrat wins (Hillary Clinton) we can all afford to sit on our asses and do nothing and bitch when the President gets some action from a fat chick.

Whatever, maybe I'm just going off on a tangent. Here is another tangent in which I will predict the end of the world.

Think about this, though, if you will: Kim Jong Koreaface just successfully launched a nuclear thing. This nuclear "thing" could potentially **** up pretty mother***** bad.

Also, Saddam Hussein is about to be hung. That's right, bitches, HUNG. Hung like a horse...that committed crimes against humanity. What a load of Shiite (har har har).

Now, I've read the book of Revelation. I've read Nos-tradamus. I saw the "Da Vinci Code." I listened to P. Diddy's latest record. Hell, I even read "What to Do When the Communists Come." (Yes, it is a real book, by Conquest and White.) (And no, those are their real names, I swear, it's awesome, check it out, yo.) All of these

things take a stab at predicting the end times—some more successfully than others—and all of these things allude to the fact that we're totally screwed right now because America is already pissing off more people than that fat bitch on "The View." You know, the one that likes other fat bitches. (I realize this person could be Bill Clinton, but it's not, it's Rosie O'Donnell. I just don't like to say her name out loud because it gives me the creeps.)

So, what to do when Godzilla comes back to earth to rock our socks off with rivers of blood, beasts, trumpets, and seals?

Well, naturally, the combined forces of Satan and Kim Jong Il will have already made sure that all the good people in the world are dead and that evil will prevail. So, I suggest we all participate in unchecked, indiscriminant, and rampant evil. Slash your neighbor's tires. Run over the roadkill AGAIN. Punch a baby. Have a baby yourself, if you wish, and push off all your responsibility on your ex-wife because you're a waste of space white "rapper" who can't even come up with a better nickname than K-fed. And most of all make sure you vote for Hillary Clinton in '08.

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